

REMARKS

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 and 3-15.

In response to paragraph 1 of page 2 of the Office Action, the applicant has amended page 8 of the specification to recite that alternatively the solvent can be methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol. Such solvents were identified in claim 2 as originally filed and it is submitted that it is possible to amend the specification to recite these solvents since no insertion of new matter is taking place.

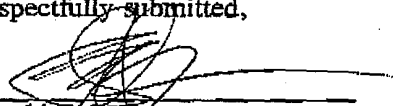
In view of the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph objection against claim 2, the applicant has amended claim 2 to make it clear that the pH of the slurry when water is used as a solvent is between about 2 to 6 and that the pH range does not pertain to slurries where the solvent is methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol.

It is submitted that amended claim 2 overcomes the basis for the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and accordingly it is now allowable.

While it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any lingering concerns about the allowability of the application, and it would be convenient to deal with such objections or concerns over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' patent attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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